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Re: Preliminary Risk Assessments for Human Health and for Environmental Fate and Ecological Effects for the Reregistration Eligibility Decision on Carbaryl

Dear Ms. LaRochelle:

Enclosed are the preliminary risk assessments for human health and for environmental fate and ecological effects for the reregistration eligibility decision for carbaryl. This advance opportunity to review EPA's pesticide risk assessments for errors is an integral part of a wider effort to involve the public in implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, as described in section VIII of the *Federal Register* notice published on March 15, 2000 (65 FR 14200).

Within the next 30 days, please identify and comment on any errors in the enclosed preliminary risk assessments. During this phase of the reregistration process, you should only address typographic, mathematical, or computational type of errors. Upon receipt of your "error correction" submission, the Agency will evaluate your comments and will revise the preliminary risk assessments as necessary. At this phase, EPA will not address comments that concern matters of policy, interpretation, or applicability of data. There will be future opportunities to address these type of comments as part of the public participation process.

In addition, we would like you to review the risk assessment documents for confidential business information (CBI). Please inform the Agency in writing of any claims of CBI contained in these documents. If we do not receive notice in writing of any such claims, within 30 days from the receipt of this letter, we will assume the document is free of CBI.

Also, please inform EPA of any pertinent completed, pending, or planned studies, and

any other sources of information you intend to submit on carbaryl. Providing EPA with a timetable for completing and submitting such information will enable us to better plan for refining the risk assessments and completing the reregistration and tolerance reassessments.

In September 2001, EPA expects to release to the public your comments to both preliminary risk assessments, the Agency's response to your comments, and the revised human health and environmental risk assessments. These documents will be placed in the Public Docket and/or posted on EPA's website (www.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/status.htm). EPA will announce the availability of these documents via a Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register* and through an electronic listserver message.

Please send your response in both printed and electronic form, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, including claims of CBI, and other requested information to me at the following address:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 308-8179 or by email.

Sincerely,

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